

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 7th December 2014

IRTS AGM & Annual Rally

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be hosting the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on 25th & 26th April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Admission to the dinner is by ticket only. www.irts.ie/rallies

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

On Thursday 27th November 2013 last, members of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group met at The Park Hotel in Clonmel at 8.30pm for their 20th Annual General Meeting. This was well attended with group members travelling from County Kilkenny, County Waterford, County Limerick and County Cork joining their County Tipperary based colleagues. Paul EI3ENB chaired this very productive meeting with John EI7IG reading the minutes from last years AGM. The group treasurer Thomas EI2IT reported a healthy financial situation for TARG which was formed in October 1994. A review of the year and the group activities was then discussed at length. Particular praise was given to Eddie EI3FFB for reading the weekly IRTS news every Sunday evening at 8.30pm on 145.450MHz FM and his efforts were very much appreciated. The new incoming committee was then elected and Denny O'Dwyer SWL was nominated as the Web Editor for the group website www.ei7trg.ie which was set up during the year. The venue for all group meetings in 2015 will continue to be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel, County Tipperary. The meeting concluded at 11.30pm when Paul EI3ENB thanked all for their input and efforts in attending this most important event of the calendar year for TARG. The new committee was elected as follows: -

Chairman- Hugh O'Donnell EI2HI Vice Chairman - Eddie Kavanagh EI3FFB
Secretary - John Ronan EI7IG Treasurer - Thomas Hallinan EI2IT Group PRO - Paul Norris EI3ENB

Recommendation: New CEPT Exam Recommendation for

Persons with Disabilities

A new recommendation adopted by the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) seeks to ease the access of persons with disabilities to licence examinations for the Amateur Radio Service

ECC Recommendation (14)05 was drafted by the IARU Region 1 Regulatory Affairs Coordinator and was adopted by ECC on 10 October 2014 after a consultation process with several administrations providing comments.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally

The annual PARC rally takes places as usual in the Coolmine Community School, near Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, on Sunday February 15th 2015.

This is the first rally of 2015 and usually has a good attendance. Keep a note in your diary.

IRTS 80m Counties Contest 2015

IRTS 80m Counties Contest takes place on Thursday 1st January 2015. The deadline for the submission of completed logs is January 15th and maybe submitted to [contestmanager /at/ irts/dot/ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie)

December is YOTA Month!

During the month of December many countries will be on the air with the YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) suffix. It is being used to encourage young people to get on the air with the help of licensed operators or indeed to use their own callsign to gain experience. Mentor operators from EI are encouraged to use the EI0YOTA callsign, with a young person to operate. All modes & bands will be used with lots of awards available to stations working the YOTA stations. QSL manager for the event is Brani OM2FY.

If you would like to book a slot to operate EI0YOTA, or need more details, please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email on [ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com](mailto:ei4gxb@gmail.com) or 087 2532512.

DX News

Nick G3RWF will be QRV from Lesotho as 7P8NH from 11 – 14 December. He will operate on the HF bands using CW. Nick is well known to DXers and in recent years has been active from Uganda as 5X1NH and from Rwanda as 9X0NH.

Harald DF2WO will reactivate his Cape Verde callsign D44TWO from 12 December – 8 January. This follows on from his recent activity as XT2AW in Burkina Faso which finished on 5 December.

Armin DK9PY will be signing 6Y6N from Jamaica until 17 December. Look for him on all bands 10 – 80m CW. QSLs go via his home call.

Gough Island in the Southern Atlantic will be on the air as ZD9A soon. The operator will be David ZS1BCE who will be working at the weather station there for several months.

A team from the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will be active from Dalma Island AS-021 as A63DI between December 4th and December 10th, 2014, QRV with three stations on CW/SSB/RTTY, at Delma Island.

NEWS....NEWS....NEWS.....

CQ CQ CQ calling all Club Secretaries and PRO officers to submit news on a weekly basis to the IRTS newsteam for publication in the weekly radio news, EiNews and Echo Ireland.

IRTS publications and radio news service needs and relies on you to send news and items of interest. Send all your news to newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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